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FOREST PARK NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2012

SOCIAL CLUB OFFICERS

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Delores Holmes, 1st Vice President
Gail Ford, 2nd Vice President
Mary Beth Schleter, 3rd Vice President
Joyce Hines, Secretary
Pat Schuren, Treasurer



SOCIAL CLUB NEWS
By: Keith Goudy, President

We wish to welcome all those of you who have arrived in the Park during the last month. We trust that you have joined in the various activities that are available in our Park.

One of the topics that is brought up frequently is the lowered attendance at various clubs and activities along with the lack of people willing to step forward to lead them. There are two ways to combat this. One is that if you are attending a club or an activity, ask someone new to go along with you. The best way to recruit is to personally ask someone. Second is that if you are new to the park or haven't been attending any of the activities, just step forward and try it. I'm fairly sure you'll like it.

The Social Club works at providing the activities that you desire to have while in the Park. It's hard to do without feedback so if you have an idea on how to improve an activity or add something new, please speak to a Social Club Officer so it can be discussed.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG JANUARY 26, 2012

FPPOA NEEDS YOUR HELP

The election is January 12, 2012 and the Officers and Directors will be filling positions on various committees. FPPOA will need residents who have experience in various areas to help the Board of Directors manage Forest Park. Even if you do not wish to be on a committee, your expertise could be used as advisors to these committees when the need arises.

FPPOA needs people with experience or just an interest in the following areas:

- Finance Legal Office Management Construction
- Landscaping Real Estate Any other areas of maintenance or management skills

The Board would like to know your talents and/or experience in these fields and other areas that could be used in effectively managing the affairs of Forest Park. They often hear that there are not enough volunteers for various projects. It may simply be that you have not been asked. Well, now you have been asked.

The Board of Directors need to develop a pool of residents to call on as the need arises. Together we can continue to manage Forest Park and save a lot of money. The reserve money that FPPOA has accumulated is the result of people volunteering and giving of their time and knowledge to help in the management and upkeep of Forest Park.

Please give your name and the area in which you might help to Mary in the FPPOA office. The Board will keep it on file and may call upon you for committee assignments or when your help is needed. By working together and sharing muscle, time and talents Forest Park can remain one of the premier Resident Owned Communities in Southwest Florida.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE By: Keith Goudy

COME BLOW YOUR HORN! Join us as we enjoy an evening of dancing and listening while we anticipate ringing in 2012. Why go out there with all those crazies when you can enjoy the fun and fellowship of fellow park members right here in Forest Park. Our entertainer is Brad Wadlington who presents a great variety of music. A few light snacks and coffee will be provided and you are encouraged to bring your favorite snack and beverages.

Tickets are only \$10.00. See a Social Club Officer for tickets. Saturday night December 31st from 9:00pm to 12:30pm. Hope to see you there.

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FPPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By: Becky Conrad

The time has come for me to say good-bye as your President of the Board of Directors. It has been an honor to have served you.

Some days were very good and some not so good. I always tried to do what was best for Forest Park. No one can please every one all the time but if I was right 51% of the time then I was right most of the time.

I will be giving you a final report of the accomplishments of this administration at the January 26th General Meeting. It has been a great four years serving on the Board of Directors.

Good Luck to the next Administration.



MEET THE CANDIDATES Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 pm.

In lieu of a Social Club meeting in January, there will be a MEET THE CANDIDATES night on Wednesday, January 11, at 7:00pm, the evening before the election. This will be a time for you to get to know the people who will be running your park for the next few years.

DINNER & COMEDY SHOW January 21, 2012



You might remember that the last couple of years we have provided a great Roast Beef Dinner followed by a great show, last year was Magic by Stuart and the year before was Willie and Friends.

Well, mark your calendars for January 21, 2012 for 5:00pm to enjoy another great Roast Beef dinner with salad, baked potato, vegetable and desert.

Then this year we have a great show by a very funny comedian, Rick Starr. Rick's bio is too extensive to list here, suffice to say it includes television, hotels and theaters, corporate events and appearing with many famous performers. Tickets are only \$15.00 and will be on advance sale on Sunday, January 8th and January 15th from 1:00-3:00pm. What a value! Where can you get all that for that great price? Hope to see you all there.

ALUMINUM RECYCLE

By: Anne Dominquez

Please remember to put your aluminum cans in a bag and place at the curb each Monday evening for pick up early Tuesday morning. Make sure cans are rinsed and clean. DO NOT place plastic, glass or metal cans in the bag. Those go in the blue tote bins. Money collected for can recycle helps pay some of the costs of Social Club activities. So, it benefits all residents of Forest Park.

PHONE BOOK ERRORS

The Forest Park community phone book is missing a few names and numbers. If you do not find your name listed, please notify the Forest Park office. The office needs your written permission to include your information in a published phone directory.

Please add the following information to your book.

Browell, Julia & Dickey, Meade 5151 Forest Park Dr 717-737-2809

Fisher, Lee & Bette 307 Shrub Ln. S. Please change home # to 217-552-7818 IL

Gainey, Clarence 306 Shrub Lane S 239-634-6675 FL

Geary, John & Gladys 434 Timber Ln. N. 543-6482 & 253-647-6223 NY

Gestro, John & Sandy 810 Hollyberry Ct. 239-543-1809 & 989-426-4977 MI

Harvey, Reg & Barb 464 Jacaramba 239-567-0751 and 519-884-3430 ONT

Heinichen, Elmer & Marcella 5051 Forest Park Dr. 731-8490 WI

Herrick, Milton & Keech, Jean 520 Timber Ln. S. 860-774-3847 & 860-428-9577 CT

Hines, Scott & Joyce 313 Shrub Ln. S. Please change home # to 731-3274 & Social Club Sec'y PA

Justice, Kenton & Ruth 737 Knotty Pine Cir. 239-543-8925 MO

McGuire, William 5040 Forest Park Dr. 330-607-2994 OH

Moore, David & Sheree 844 Hollyberry Ct. 239-898-6875 and 239-898-6876

Mundle, Harold & Shirley 5370 Forest Park Dr 239-731-7186

Murphy, William & Stewart, Margaret 524 Timber Ln. S. 905-889-1099 CAN

Nurfryk, Nicholas & Marilyn 5041 Forest Park Dr. 543-5073 & 585-507-8569 NY

Palmer, Norman & Brenda 5021 Forest Park Dr. 239-543-5073 and 585-225-1361

Slevin, Bonita 846 Hollyberry Ct. 239-464-9433 CAN

Somsel, Marilyn 345 Shrub Ln. S. 543-9497 IN

Tsicountouridis, Larry & Raymonde 820 Hollberry Ct. 731-0344 CAN

Wash, James & Charlene 348 Shrub Ln. S. 513-646-4776 Home state unknown

Please note: On page 4 under "Helpful Numbers" it has a number for "Transportation". Due to liability issues this service is not available.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF CHEER By: Nancy Cooper

This year over 40 residents received a bit of Christmas cheer. Baskets of cookies, fruit, food and holiday floral arrangements were distributed to folks in the Park. Sincere thanks to the members of the NE Club, the Craft Club, the Computer Club, the Quilters and the Social Club, Delores Holmes, Ray and Karen Weaver, Ellie and Lou Frasca and Becky Conrad for their generous donations to this wonderful Park event. Additional thanks to the members of the committee: Madaline and Ray Preston, Nancy Lawrence, Carol Goans, Delores Holmes, Carol Warner, Joanne Gagner and Mary Gibson for all their help with this project!

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Wood/Craft Shop Facility Kickoff Meeting January 3, 2012 at 2:00 pm Forest Park Clubhouse

Via a 2010 sign up sheet and the success of our Carriage Village neighbors' facility, many residents of Forest Park have shown an interest in having our own woodworking shop, homeitem repair, tool loan/maintenance area, and related use facility. After considerable thought and "bits" of research and ground work, two plausible schemes have emerged.

To share these ideas, and hopefully receive needed input from other interested residents, a "kick off" meeting has been scheduled for Jan 3, 2012 at 2:00 PM in the activities building. All interested residents are urged to attend.

For more information contact Jim Bohmer, 626 Forest Palm Ct. Phone 330-769-2210 (toll free for Verizon users) or email gigibone@aol.com

JANUARY 28TH DANCE







Our January Dance will be Saturday, January 28th at 7:00pm. Our performer is Rick Norris who has been well received by our park. IT'S FREE! So no excuses... Be There or Be Square!!

Bring your favorite snack and beverages.



KOFFEE KLATSCH January 6, 2011

You will want to present at the January Koffee Klatsch on Friday, January 6, 2012 at 9:00am to hear Doug Barker from LCEC present information regarding their company and some tips on how to keep your electric consumption under control. Coffee and donuts provided. Please bring your own cup.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL BOARD ELECTIONS

The annual election of Forest Park officers and directors will be held on **Thursday**, **January 12**, **2012 from 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm** in the Activities Building. An application form is included in this newsletter and available in the office if you would like to run for office.

The Nominating Committee members are Jim Arthur, Keith Goudy, Sharon Goudy, Pete Lawrence, and Janet Rutledge.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST RESIDENTS

Harold & Shirley Mundle 5370 Forest Park Drive

EXERCISE PROGRAM



RECOMMENDED FOR "KIDS" OF ANY AGE!

Join Nancy Lawrence and friends at the Clubhouse every Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 9:00 - 10:00 am for some fitness and fun beginning in October 2011. We will be going year round as long as there are people who want to come. The first program at 9:00 am is designed to build up energy and mobility, burn fat and tone muscles. The video is called "Tony and the Folks", a series of stretches, movements and exercises for seniors. Both men and women are invited. All you need to bring is yourself, a small pillow and a 2 lb. weight (you can use an unopened can of soup). The second program is Leslie Sansone's walking tape at 9:30 am.

EASY WATER EXERCISE

Most of the water exercises are the same as the Tuesday & Saturday exercises except we do them in the pool. This means less stress on joints plus we get those healthy rays of sunshine at the same time. We have a great time exercising and catching up on the latest in Forest Park. Please come join us from 10:30 am to 11:30 am Monday-Friday at the pool.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

By: Keith Goudy

Each year our Park celebrates with those who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this year. This year it will be Thursday, February 16 and hosted by the Ohio Club. If you are someone who will have their 50th anniversary this year, please sign up on the board in the clubhouse so we can get you on the list.

HEALTH & WELFARE

By: Mary Gibson

Blood Pressure Clinic will be held on January 17th from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon at the Clubhouse and will continue on the third Tuesday of each month until April.

Reminder to all residents: Please update your "File of Life". Remember to enter the information in pencil....Add or change any new medication, illnesses or surgeries.

If you are a new resident in Forest Park you may obtain a "File of Life" form at the office. If you need help in filling it out, please call me at 543-7594. You may need to get a new plastic red folders for the form. The information should be visible on the outside of your refrigerator door.

A SUCCESSFUL LIFE

"Apply this Four-Way Test to the things you think, say or do".

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all Concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?

4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

MEN'S KOFFEE KLATCH

By: Nancy Cooper

JUST FOR MEN!

The next Men's Only Coffee will be held Friday, Jan. 13th at 8 o'clock. Please note the change in time. It is hoped that by having the coffee a little earlier more men will come by for a cup of coffee, a donut and a lot of good conversation. Sit, relax and chat before you begin your "Honey-Do List"!!

RED HATS LADIES

By: Connie St. Jean & Patricia Shuren



The RED HAT LADIES EVENT will be held on THURSDAY JANUARY 19th. We will be going to Christo's Restaurant at 10231 McGregor Blvd We will meet at the clubhouse at 11:00am.to carpool.

We need a count of how many ladies will be attending by <u>January 12th</u>. Please call Connie St. Jean at 567-1818 to make your reservation.

Co-Chairpersons for January are Connie St. Jean and Patricia Schuren.

FOREST PARK CALENDAR

Keith Goudy handles the updates to the calendar. View the calendar at the website www.forestparkonline.com Please contact him for calendar changes. keith.goudy@gmail.com or 543-9770

OHIO CLUB

By: Rita Booth for Anna Thatcher, President

The meeting for Ohio Club will be held on January 2, 2012. We will be serving cookies & drinks. Please attend the meeting and enjoy a night of socializing. Ohio Club has begun collecting dues for 2012 year. If you cannot attend meeting you can see any Ohio Club Office who will be happy to take your dues.

A meeting is scheduled on December 28th at 10 a.m. in Club House for 50th Anniversary Committee. All who are on that committee please plan to attend.

A sign up sheet for 50th Wedding Anniversary has been placed on bulletin board in Club House for those who will be celebrating this year. If you know of someone who will have a 50th anniversary please ask them to sign up for this event.

The Ohio Club will be participating in the Craft Club Flea Market on March 10th. We will have tables set up for BAKE SALE. We look forward to a good turn out again this year. We will make sure we have plenty of sugar-free desserts available for purchase. Anyone interested in donating desserts to that event will be greatly appreciated.

We thank all those who donated toys for the TOY DRIVE!! We had another successful year and we're sure you will be blessed for your donation.

JASPER THE VEGGIE MAN IN PAVILION ON THURSDAYS

PINE TREE KNOTS QUILT CLUB By: Janet Clear

The Quilt Club had their Christmas Salad and Dessert luncheon Dec 15th at the clubhouse. It was reported that 307 mini Christmas stockings were made. Each was stuffed with two little candy canes. These were given to Meals on Wheels to give to their patrons and some were given to people in the park.

The Secret Pal Revealing luncheon will be held January 12th at the clubhouse.

GOLF CART & BIKE PARADE OF LIGHTS By: Betty McClain

Again another nice turn out of golf carts and bikes. What a beautiful sight with all the lights as we went up and down each street of the park. Hope all of you who watched enjoyed the parade as much as we did showing off our carts all decorated and lit up. Bo and I want to thank everyone who rode in the parade on their golf carts or bicycles.

Without your participation there would have been no parade. A big big thank you to The Social Club for donating the donuts and coffee. Thanks to Peggy and Dean Hall for having the donuts and coffee ready in the club house after the parade. also, a thank you for everyone who donated gifts for our drawings. Everyone did a beautiful job in decorating and all seem to have a great time. There were 33 carts and 5 bikes in the parade this year. Next Christmas Eve Parade lets all decorate our carts and bikes and make the parade much longer and larger. Until then Bo and I want to wish the whole park a Healthy, Prosperous New Year.

WI-FI UPDATE By: Doug Ford

The Forest Park wifi system had a major problem over the Thanksgiving weekend, which was caused by Century Link having a bad modem. We have implemented a maintenance feature which will allow us to identify this problem quickly. We have about 130 users on the system now. After the Christmas holiday we will have over 150 on the system. The initial design of the system was for casual use, since then we have upgrade our lines to handle more traffic and speed. We feel that the system, in its present form, will not handle watching MOVIES with out degrading other users on the wifi system. Please call me for any wifi related problems.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ PATROL (NWP)

By: Lou Smith & Mike Fanning

Happy New Year to all. The next neighborhood watch meeting will be Wednesday, January 11, 10am, Activities building.

With visitor season upon us, if you have young visitors who want to drive your golf cart, a *licensed adult driver must be with them*. Be mindful that if damage occurs to another's property with the golf cart, with an under-age driver, the golf cart owner will be liable for civil damages, which could result in the golf cart owner losing their home and more.

The speed limit in Forest Park is 15 mph; please abide by this speed limit.

COMPUTER CLUB

By: Sherrill Wright



Recycle: Don't throw away your used ink cartridges!

I can take them to Office Max and get a credit for them, which is then donated back to the Computer Club. There is a collection container on the Activity room counter.

The Computer Club is a group of friendly people who meet every Thursday, 2 - 4 PM to help each other with computer issues. If you have a problem related to computers, or a skill you think might benefit others, YOU ARE WHO WE NEED IN OUR CLUB! Please come and join the group. Membership costs \$10/household per winter season. We take a break and have coffee and cookies around 3 PM to socialize. Most members use Windows, but some use Macs or Linux and most software programs are compatible with each system. Each week, we usually have a person show something they are experienced in, or we focus on a particular problem. Usually, the club can fix the problem. If not, we can define the situation to assist if professional help is needed. If you have a particular interest, a new piece of equipment like an iPad or similar tablet or I-Phone that you would like to show and demonstrate, please join us. This also includes your friends and family who might be visiting. Also, if you have a particular need, or problem that you would like help with, please come along and join us, but let us know in advance so we can schedule it on that week's meeting.

Last month we told the story of a resident who had purchased a computer, which had been used and returned to Walmart. It developed a problem, and, when the club investigated, it turned out to be due to the previous "purchaser" using the unit, adding more software then returning it to the store. When the store was presented evidence to support this, it provided compensation that covered the cost of the technician engaged to correct the problem. The manufacturer of the computer (Hewlett Packard) also sent a recovery disk. We often complain about a problem, but sometimes forget to give credit when it is due. Contact Sherrill or John Wright @ 239.731.7524, email fpcclub@yahoo.com

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOTES By: Keith Goudy

As of the printing of this newsletter, the FPPOA Nominating Committee has received the following applications for FPPOA Officers and Directors for the election on January 12, 2012.

For Officers of FPPOA: President: Bob Dickerson; First Vice President: Betty Campbell; Second Vice President: Jan Orlando; Treasurer: John Wright; Secretary: Bob Lang. Officers are elected to serve a two year term from January 2012 to January 2014.

For Board of Directors: Jim Barnett, Judy Birkhead, Don Brooks, Lou Smith, Richard Taylor. Three members will be elected to serve a three year term from January 2012 to January 2015.

Our by-laws allow nominations up until the time of the voting so the ballot on January 12 may be different. If you would like to be a nominee, please pick up an application form from the office or use the one on page 14 in this newsletter and return it to the office.

Voting will be Thursday, January 12 from Noon to 2:00pm at the Activities Building.

BY-LAWS UPDATE By: By-Laws Committee

A copy of the proposed By-Law revisions is available on the Forest Park Website at www.forestparkonline.com or ask for a copy in the office.

Changes are needed so that we will be in compliance with Florida Statutes. This will also allow our rules and regulations to be enforceable.

The By-Law committee hopes to have them voted on before every one goes North next spring, however, the revisions will take time and changes are something we all have to live with. Please submit your concerns and suggestions to the Forest Park Office. We had meetings in October and November. Future meeting dates to be announced later. Please watch the marquee for dates and times.

KARAOKE

The third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm the clubhouse comes alive with the sound of music. Join in or just listen. Both actions are welcome.

TRASH BAG WARNING

Trash pick up on Tuesdays and Fridays is provided by FPPOA for all residents. Please read Section XIII part D of the Rules and Regulations of Forest Park. Bags should not exceed 30 pounds in weight. Please make sure your trash bag will be picked up by keeping the weight under the 30 lb. limit.

CRAFT CLUB By: Wanda Dickerson, President

Hope everyone had a Peaceful and Happy Christmas and didn't celebrate to much on New Years Eve and that things have calmed down for you. December was a busy month for all us crafty people. Clubhouse and Activity Building were decorated by the Craft Club and everyone was busy finishing the Santa's to hang in both buildings. We enjoyed a great lunch at The Edison on December 7th. Thanks to Shirley VanZile and Madaline Preston for all their planning. We also collected clothing and toys for women and children for A.C.T. (an organization for abused women) and some ladies were also getting clothing to send to children in Haiti. The Craft Club also donated money to A.C.T. as well as Harry Chapin Food Bank, two different Soup Kitchens, The Salvation Army, Sewing Ministries (they donate clothing to children in Haiti), as well as money for the Senior Services in Forest Park. We will be taking down all the decorations on Wednesday, January 4th. If anyone would like to join us we always welcome the help. We always feed any helpers during the working time and lunch after. Hope to see you there. We always welcome new members or some who have been away for a while. Come on back and see what we are doing or just come and share your ideas and have a cup of coffee with us.

We also hope to see you at our **FIRST HOT DOG DINNER** of the season on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 4:30. These dinners are what enables us to send out the donations we do and help with things in the park. We hope you will come out and support us. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Editor's Note: Thank you all for your submissions for this newsletter. It is great fun creating this newsletter for you to enjoy. Please submit all articles by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

NORTHEAST CLUB

By: Nancy Cooper

At the December meeting, members voted to change the dates of club meetings. During the months of Nov., Dec, Jan., Feb. and Mar., the Club will meet on the 4th Monday of the month. The Annual Picnic will be held on the 2nd Monday of April. These dates were changed to avoid conflicts with Park events which often times occur the 2nd week of the month.

HILLBILLY HEAVEN JANUARY 23RD

Join your fellow members for a evening of food and fun as the NE Club gets down for a little hillbilly fun! The pot luck supper will begin at 5pm. Members whose last names start with A -F are to bring a salad, members whose last names start with G - O are to bring a casserole and members whose last name starts with P - Z are to bring a dessert. Iced tea and coffee will be available. Please bring your own table settings.

Be sure to dress in your best hillbilly costume. The King and Queen of Hillbilly Heaven will be crowned. If you have not paid your 2011-2012 dues, please do so at the meeting.

BID EUCHRE

By: Madaline Preston

We have Bid Euchre every Wednesday & Saturday at 6:30pm in the Clubhouse unless there is another activity going on in there. We then play in the Activity Building. We have several new players and would like to have many more join in on the fun

FOREST PARK BOOK GROUP

By: Joan King



The group meets the fourth Friday of each month at 1:00pm in the Activities building. The January meeting will be on the 27th and the book to be discussed is "Pearl", a novel by Mary Gordon. In it, the author engages us in the lives of Maria, single mother; her adult daughter Pearl, who has done the unthinkable; and Joseph, Maria's friend from childhood. The story is powerful and moving and delves into some of life's hardest questions. Contact Joan King 239 567-0606 for a book.

" Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves, for they shall never cease to be amused!" (Unknown Author)

BUNCO

By: Larry Tsicountouridis

Please join us in the Clubhouse Saturday, January 7th at 7:00pm.

GREEN TREE STICKER

There is a little green tree sticker available in the office that goes on the back window of your car. All residents with automobiles should have this highly visible authorization to be in the Park. This will help the safety patrol on their nightly rounds. If you are a temporary resident and don't want any stickers on your window, then scotch tape it there while you are here.

"Worry is interest on money never borrowed." Unknown Author

CHORUS NEWS By: Joyce Hines

NO RESPONSE YET! NEEDED: CHORUS DIRECTOR!



SHUFFLE LEAGUE By: Ray Preston, Captain

The December meeting was held on the 5th. On December 9th we hosted our first "Ice Cream Shuffle" of the season

In January we will host a "Hot Dog Shuffle" on the 13th at 11:00am and our second "Ice Cream Shuffle" on the 27th at 12:30pm

EVERY BODY IS INVITED TO COME

Our next meeting will be Jan. 7th at 9:00am in the Activities building.

January Shuffle schedule:

4th HOME WITH CARRIAGE VILLAGE 11th HOME WITH POINSETTIA PARK

18th AWAY AT LAZY DAYS

25th HOME WITH BAYSHORE VILLAGE

We shuffle on MON, FRI & SAT. AT 10:00am Monday is FUN NIGHT at 7:00pm Tuesday is LADIES DAY at 10:00am

ART CLASSES

By: Jack Watson



Art Classes will start Monday morning January 9, 2012 @ 9:00am to 12:00 noon in the Activity Building. Cost is \$10.00 per lesson paid monthly. Come join us and see how talented you really are. Supplies will be available for new members at the first lesson at no charge. Classes taught by Professional Artist, Betty Leis. Any questions, please call Betty at 239-997-1880.

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28% (now get this...)

The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

MICHIGAN/CANADIAN CLUB

By: Lou Smith & Jim Barnett

The Michigan Club and the Canadian Club will hold a wine and cheese party on Sunday, January 22nd. Time and place TBA.

BINGO

By: Anne Dominguez

Please joins us on Tuesdays at 6:45pm for 7:00pm Bingo in the clubhouse each week. Cards are \$.50 with a minimum purchase of four cards. Night Owl cards are \$.25.

GIVING THANKS

IT HAPPENED! On December 9th a "boat load" of residents appeared at our Forest Park Clubhouse to help decorate for Christmas! And among those who came were those who actually knew what they were doing. Now is seems relatively simple... putting up a few lights. Not as simple as as one would think, especially in such a large area. But, the following people made it happen: Dean & Peggy Hull, Bill & Carrie McGinnis, Janet Brewer, Ray Hosey, Dick Pucak, Russ Lyon, Helen & Lou Smith, Sharon Goudy, Charlene Wash, Carol Goans, Mike Fanning, Nancy & Larry Wehrman, Bernie Waltz, Jack & Lois Dilts, Scott Hines and Delores Holmes! Plus Butch and Steve strung all the icicle lights along the clubhouse roof. Thank you both! Special accolades to the Craft Club who, once again, transformed the inside of our clubhouse with their Christmas Magic! A small group of people met on the 5th of December to test the lights and to discuss what might work. Because of the complicated wiring involved, it was decided to try grouping the trees rather spreading them out. As Christmas lights often do, some of the sets worked on Monday but refused to light on Friday. What a surprise! As anyone who has had experience with Christmas lights can attest, keeping them lit is a work in progress. (If anyone notices that part of a light string is off, he or she is more than welcome to investigate and try to solve the problem!).

Most of the icicle lights around the clubhouse roof are LED lights which are supposedly more reliable and longer lasting. As we continue to replace lights, we will endeavor to purchase LED lights and/or lights that continue burning whether one bulb is out or not. We will also look to eventually purchase yard decorations that are easy to set up and maneuver. Contact me with any suggestions for future decoration (Joyce Hines 731-3274). *Please join us for UN-DECORATING after koffee klatsch on Friday, January 6th.*

I wish to thank everyone who answered "the call to duty" and participated in our decorating frenzy. I was amazed and delighted at the eager response and diligent work.

FAREWELL DEAR FRIENDS

The following are the names of dear friends who passed away since our last newsletter. They will be greatly missed.

Brenda Leffel 855 Hollyberry David McMillin 631 Forest Palm Court

If you know of others, please send me an email at sharon.goudy@gmail.com or call me at 543-9770 so I can list their names in the next newsletter.

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER IN COLOR

By: Sharon Goudy

This newsletter is available in a new full color digital format. It was delivered to you in black and white because we cannot assume that you would want it sent via email. However, if you would prefer to see your copy sent to you via email and in full wonderful color (and help save a tree), just email me at sharon.goudy@gmail.com and I will send you one and put you on the email list for future newsletters instead of a hard copy.

FOREST PARK PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Acceptance of 2012 Nomination for Officer or Board of Director

position. Name: _____ Forest Park Address: Mailing address: (May-Dec): _____ Telephone Number: _____ Signature _____ I have agreed to run for the following position: ______ **QUESTIONNAIRE** FOR ALL CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR ELECTION ON THE F.P.P.O.A. **BOARD FOR 2012** NAME: ADDRESS: HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU LIVED IN FOREST PARK? FULL TIME RESIDENT _____ PART TIME RESIDENT _____ PLEASE GIVE US A BRIEF SUMMARY OF YOUR WORK EXPERIENCE BEFORE RETIRING: (Please use a separate sheet for work experience.)

January 2012 - FOREST PARK

Saturday	9:00 am Exercise Class 9:00 am Shuffle Club 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 1:00 pm Bingo 6:30 pm Bid Euchre 7:00 pm Bunco	9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 1:00 pm Bingo 6:30 pm Bid Euchre	9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 1:00 pm Bingo 5:00 pm Dinner and Comedy Show 6:30 pm Bid Euchre	9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 1:00 pm Bingo 6:30 pm Bid Euchre 7:00 pm Dance	4 9:00 am Exercise Class 9:00 am Shuffle Club 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 1:00 pm Bingo 6:30 pm Bid Euchre 7:00 pm Bunco
Friday	6 9:00 am Koffee Klatsch 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 10:00 am Line Dancing 6:30 pm Bridge 6:30 pm Poker	9:00 am Mens Coffee 9:00 am Line Dancing 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 11:00 am Hot Dog Shuffle 6:30 pm Bridge 6:30 pm Poker	9:00 am Line Dancing 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 6:30 pm Bridge 6:30 pm Poker	9:00 am Line Dancing 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 12:30 pm Ice Gream Shuffle 1:00 pm Book Club 2:00 pm Budget Meeting 6:30 pm Bridge	9:00 am Koffee Klatsch 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 10:00 am Line Dancing 6:30 pm Bridge 6:30 pm Poker
Thursday	9:00 am Quilt Club 1:00 pm Bingo 2:00 pm Computer Club 3:00 pm Bocce	9:00 am Quilt Club 12:00 pm Voting FPPOA Board 1:00 pm Bingo 2:00 pm Computer Club 3:00 pm Bocce	9:00 am Quilt Club 9:00 am FPPOA Board 1:00 pm Bingo 2:00 pm Computer Club 3:00 pm Bocce	9:00 am Quilt Club 1:00 pm Bingo 2:00 pm Computer Club 3:00 pm Bocce 7:00 pm FPPOA Meeting	9:00 am Quilt Club 1:00 pm Bingo 2:00 pm Computer Club 3:00 pm Bocce
Wednesday	4 9:00 am Craft Club 10:00 am Shuffle League 12:30 pm Shuffle League 6:30 pm Canadian Euchre 6:30 pm Bid Euchre	9:00 am Craft Club 10:00 am Shuffle League 10:00 am Neighbor Watch 12:30 pm Shuffle League 6:30 pm Canadian Euchre 6:30 pm Bid Euchre 6:30 pm Meet the Candidates	9:00 am Craft Club 12:30 pm Shuffle League 6:30 pm Canadian Euchre 6:30 pm Bid Euchre	9:00 am Craft Club 10:00 am Shuffle League 12:30 pm Shuffle League 6:30 pm Canadian Euchre 6:30 pm Bid Euchre	9:00 am Craft Club 12:30 pm Shuffle League 6:30 pm Canadian Euchre 6:30 pm Bid Euchre
Tuesday	3 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Ladies Shuffle 2:00 pm Woodshop Meeting 6:45 pm Bingo	9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Ladies Shuffle 6:45 pm Bingo	9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Blood Pressure Clinic 10:00 am Ladies Shuffle 4:30 pm Hot Dog Dinner 6:45 pm Bingo	9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Ladies Shuffle 6:45 pm Bingo	9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Ladies Shuffle 6:45 pm Bingo
Monday	9:00 am Mex. Dominoes 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 12:30 pm Duplicate Bridge 3:00 pm Bocce 6:00 pm Ohio Club 6:30 pm SKIP-BO 7:00 pm Shuffle Fun	9:00 am Mex. Dominoes 9:00 am Art Class 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 12:30 pm Duplicate Bridge 3:00 pm Bocce 6:30 pm SKIP-BO 7:00 pm Shuffle Fun	Martin Luther King Day 9:00 am Mex. Dominoes 9:00 am Art Class 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 12:30 pm Duplicate Bridge 3:00 pm Bocce 6:00 pm Karoke 6:30 pm SKIP-BO 6:30 nm Karoke	9:00 am Mex. Dominoes 9:00 am Art Class 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 12:30 pm Duplicate Bridge 3:00 pm Bocce 5:00 pm Northeast Club 6:30 pm SKIP-BO 7:00 pm Shuffle Fun	9:00 am Mex. Dominoes 9:00 am Art Class 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 12:30 pm Duplicate Bridge 3:00 pm Bocce 6:30 pm SKIP-BO 7:00 pm Shuffle Fun
Sunday	New Year's Day 6:30 pm Pinochle	1:00 pm Tickets for Dinner & Comedy Show 6:30 pm Pinochle	1.00 pm Tickets for Dinner & Comedy Show 6:30 pm Pinochle	2.00 pm Canadian & Michigan Cub 6:30 pm Pinochle	6:30 pm Pinochle